

## NOTES:

- 1. Use 5-sack (min) concrete; 2% calcium (max).
- 2. Do not exceed the calculated block dimensions by more than 10%.
- 3. Protect fitting with 6-mil plastic before pouring thrust block. Concrete shall not interfere with flange bolt removal.
- 4. Determine block dimensions as follows:

Block Bearing Area = hb = Thrust / Passive soil pressure = T / Pp

Thrust (lbs) =  $2PA \sin(Q/2)$  or T = PA for ends and tees

A = Cross-sectional area of pipe (Square Inches)

Where: P = Test pressure at fitting (psi)

Q = Fitting angle

 $P_p$  = Passive soil pressure (lbs/Sq. Ft).

 $P_p$  for saturated clay = gZ + 2C

 $P_P$  for Palouse Loess at optimum moisture content =  $gZ tan^2 (45^\circ + F/2) + 2C tan(45^\circ + F/2)$ 

 $P_p$  for granular material = gZ tan (45°+ F / 2)

Where: g = Weight per cubic foot of soil

Z = Depth in feet from ground surface to center of pipe

C = Cohesion factor = 200 psf for Palouse Loess

F = Internal friction angle of soil. Use 28° for Palouse Loess, and

42° for granular material

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## BEARING THRUST BLOCK DESIGN

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